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THE LOFT ARTISTS ASSOCIATION IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CONNECTICUT SOCIETY OF PORTRAIT ARTISTS PRESENTS "FACES AND FIGURES 2022" October 8 - November ,6 2022

Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony in honor of

CSOPA's 20th Anniversary

Saturday, October 8, 4-6 p.m.

Loft Gallery, 575 Pacific Street, Stamford, CT

Gallery Open Saturdays and Sundays 1-4 p.m.

The Loft Artists Association in collaboration with The Connecticut Society of Portrait Artists present a classically inspired and contemporary celebration of the human face and figure with an exhibition of over 60 original paintings, drawings, and sculptures. The exhibit runs from Saturday, October 8 through Sunday, November 6, 2022, with a reception and award ceremony on Saturday, October 8, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

"We're excited to help CSOPA celebrate their 20th anniversary with this wonderful portrait show" Executive Director, Mark Macrides stated. "Our gallery walls have never before been graced with such exquisite and innovative portraiture." The exhibit celebrates the CT Society of Portrait Artists' anniversary in high style with one of the most impressive collection of portraits and portrait artists put together in this area. Paintings, drawings, sculpture, and mixed media pieces complement each other in the rustic beauty of the Loft Gallery.

Our esteemed judge is award-winning artist and teacher <u>Grace Mehan DeVito</u>. A native of Connecticut, Grace studied at The School of Visual Arts in New York City, majoring in Illustration. After a decade of working for such clients as The United Nations, Sony, and PepsiCo, she left the commercial art field to pursue fine art painting. She is the recipient of many awards including the Portrait Society of America's First place Still Life and First Place Commissioned Portraits Members Only Competition. She received The Award of Excellence for Realism at The Oil Painters of America's Eastern Regional Exhibition.

The Connecticut Society of Portrait Artists is a 501 (c) 3 arts non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the classic art of portraiture through education. Portrait artists will find a supportive community of artists who create fine art portraits in the realist

tradition. Monthly membership meetings offer the opportunity for caring critiques by colleagues. Portrait exhibition opportunities, workshops and seminars by renowned master portrait artists are offered. For information on current activities, please visit our website.

The Loft Artists Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing artists with a supportive environment and opportunities to exhibit our work, while reaching out to the community at large with education and artistic expression, as well as collaborative projects. Since 1978, our grassroots events have attracted thousands of visitors throughout the tristate area. The LAA is widely recognized by city and state funding agencies, as well as corporate and private sponsors.

The Loft Gallery is open Saturdays and Sundays 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For directions and more information visit <u>loftartists.org</u> or <u>csopa.org</u>